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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Gareth Geoffrey Hougham  
Serial Number : 09/834,848  
Filing Date : April 13, 2001  
Examiner : John J. Zimmerman  
Group Art Unit : 1775  
For : DEFORMABLE COATED WICK  
LIQUID SPILLED MATERIAL  
TRANSFER

To: The Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action (Non Compliant Amendment) dated July 15, 2004

please enter the properly amended claims in this application as follows:

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CLAIMS

- 1 1. (Canceled) A transfer tool for the collection and transporting of a spilled material from
- 2 a spillage area comprising:
- 3 a deformable substrate member having deposited on the surface thereof a coating of a
- 4 material having a high affinity for said spilled material.

If there are any charges associated with the filing of this response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account 50-0510. If required, Applicant hereby petitions for a one

A "Change of Correspondence Address" on behalf of the undersigned is enclosed. Please address all further correspondence to the undersigned at the address listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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I hereby certify that this paper is being telefaxed to (703) 872-9306 on the date indicated below addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Post Office Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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